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2. (U) DURING THE WEEK OF 19 JULY 71 THE GVN NATIONAL POLICE COMMAND RECEIVED NOMINATIONS FOR THE INITIAL REWARDS LIST FROM EACH OF THE FOUR PILOT PROVINCES AND CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF THE DOSSIERS.

3. (C) A COMBINED CONFERENCE TO SELECT THE INITIAL LIST OF PERSONNEL AND THE AMOUNT OF REWARD TO BE OFFERED WAS HELD ON 23 JULY 71 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATION POLICE AND MACV/CORDS. A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE DOSSIERS SUBMITTED REVEALED A NUMBER OF DEFICIENCIES, AND IT WAS MUTUALLY DECIDE TO DELAY PUBLICATION OF THE INITIAL REWARDS LIST.

4. (C) IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE DOSSIERS, COMBINED TEAMS WILL VISIT EACH OF THE PILOT PROVINCES DURING THE PERIOD 3-16 AUGUST TO RESOLVE

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5. (U) THE FIRST GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OCCURRED ON JULY 20TH DURING A WEEKLY NATIONAL POLICE COMMAND TV NEWS SUMMARY. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE CONTINUING ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

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